



Appl. No. 09/977,615

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jennifer K. Grenier, et al
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	=	Extra Claims Present	x	\$18.00	=	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	35	-	26	=	9	x	\$18.00	= \$162.00
Independents:	8	-	7	=	1	x	\$86.00	= \$86.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+	\$290.0	=		\$0.00
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02 FC:1806	180.00	DP						
03 FC:2201	43.00	DP						
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							CLAIMS FEE TOTAL =	\$248.00

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/> [X]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> [X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$950.00
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	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$950.00
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	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$1198.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> [X]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$599.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$599.00

[X] A check in the amount of \$599.00 is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action was set to expire on October 31, 2003, and with the acceptance of the accompanying petition and fee the time period for response is extended to January 31, 2004, and therefore this response is timely filed. Also included herewith is a supplemental information disclosure statement. A check covering the cost of the information disclosure statement is included herewith. Should no separate petition for an extension of time accompany this communication, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 10 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: